

No human being in North-Carolina anticipates the possibility or the desire of renewed rebellion here, and all the inhabitants of the State desire to perform their obligations to the country, and to have the national credit sustained.

But the present state of suspense and insecurity of long continuance will necessarily result in the most deplorable injuries. It is natural that the late tremendous contest should make sad breaches in society, and open the way for a fearful harvest of ruin and crime. The people so severely crippled in their pecuniary resources, and in the loss of nearly all their implements of industry, are in danger of becoming hopeless and heartless. Honest and useful enterprise is at a stand, works of internal improvement are likely to be arrested and go to decay, moral agencies of every kind are languishing, the tendency to immigration is checked, and the all-pervading power of the civil law, executed by numerous and efficient agents, being no longer felt, there is no security in the dealings between man and man; the passions of the evil disposed are not held in check, and oppression, fraud, violence, and wrong, in all their countless forms, are left to prey on every community. If the threatened process of demoralization is not speedily checked by the life infusing power of efficient civil authority, and by the restoration of moral power, North Carolina, instead of being a useful and profitable member of the Federal Union, will be scourged by the outlaw and bandit, and will fall into a condition in which she will be only a burden to the General Government. In view of these considerations, so important to the entire nation, your memorialists respectfully ask that the machinery of the civil government of the State may be restored to vitality and set in motion, with full authority to protect our rights and punish all crime, and be thereby enabled to preserve our ancient fame as a moral, pure and law-abiding